THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands made in the memorandum are :—

(i) to give a second language status to Urdu in Uttar Pradesh and other States under three language formula.

(ii) Urdu speaking students should be provided instruction in their mother tongue.

(iii) Implementation of Gujral Committee's recommmendations.

(iv) In Navodaya schools entrance examination should be in the language that was the medium of instruction at primary stage and not in Hindi.

Conversion of narrow gauge into broad gauge in Madhya Pradesh

38. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of the railway lines likely to be converted into broad gauge from narrow gauge in Madhya Pradesh in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Construction of Guna-Etawah new BG line has been taken up which includes conversion of Gwalior-Bhind N.G. line. Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Compensation of road accident victims

39. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been giving any compensation to the victims of road accidents;

(b) whether this compensation is paid from the Solatium Fund;

(c) whether Government have given any publicity to this fund in various States and Union Territories; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The compensation to the victims of road accident is payable in terms of Section 92(2), and 110A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 on the principle of no-fault liability and proof-of-fault liability. Awards are made by Motor Accident Claims Tribunal with whom claims are filed. Besides this, in the case of hit-and run accidents where the vehicle is not traceable Solatium compensation is allowed at a fixed sum of Rs. 5,000 in case of death and a fixed sum of Rs. 1,000 in case of grievous injury, to the victim or to his legal heir or to his duly authorised representative|agent. This is under the Solatium Fund Scheme in terms of Section 109 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. Since introduction of this scheme, publicity to the same has been given through press releases from time to time through various leading newspapers. Wall posters in regional languages and English have also been displayed through Directorate of Audio & Visual Publicity (DAVP). The State Governments have also been provided with detailed materials for publicity through local press. Some of the State Governments have also printed and released informative booklets to the public.

Phasing out of the Five-Star Hotels

40. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Tourism Development Corporation proposes to phase out the five star

hotels and transfer them over to the private sector;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these hotels are running in losses; and

(d) by when it is proposed to complete this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) During 1987-88 out of seven 5-star hotels of ITDC, only two have incurred losses. However, ITDC. earned an overall profit of Rs. 230.71 lakhs (provisional) during 1987-88 from these seven hotels.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Losses of Visakhapatnam Port Trust

41. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vishakhapatnam Port Trust is losing Rs. 13 per tonne on iron-ore handled by it for export to Japan;

(b) what action Government propose to take to compensate the Vishakhapatnam Port Trust for this loss and by when; and

(c) whether the Paradip and Mangalore Port Trusts are also facing the same situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The loss incurred by a port in the export of any commodity including iron ore depends on the actual throughput in a particular year. The Visakhapatnam Port Trust has incurred losses at varying levels during the last few years due to less realisation of traffic among other reasons.

(b) Government have recently permitted Visakhatpatnam Port Trust to increase the iron ore handling rate at Visakhapatnam Port to Rs. 40.94 per tonne from the year 1986-87 onwards.

(c) At Paradip and New Mangalore Ports also, the actual tarffic of iron ore is less than the designed throughputs.

नडियाद-कपड़वंज-मोडासा रेलवे परियोजना

42. **श्री मोर्जा ईर्शादबेग :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने नडियाद-कपड़वंज-मोडासा रेलवे परियोजना को किन आधारों पर स्वीकृत किया था और इस संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को कोई अभ्यावेदन/पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं जिनमें उक्त परियोजना को पूरा किये जाने की मांग की गयी है; यदि हां, तो इनकी संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) उक्त परियोजना को कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) क्या इसे पूरी तरह से बंद कर दिये जाने की संभावना है; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया) : (क) यह परियोजना विकासात्मक दृष्टि से स्वीकृत की गयी थी। इसकी प्रगति 9 प्रतिशत है।

(ख) जी हां। बहुत अधिक संख्या में अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।